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TO AMEMBASSY MADRID PRIORITY  
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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EAGR, SP

SUBJ: VARIABLE LEVIES ON SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN PRODUCTS

REF: TOFAS 132

1. GOS DECREE 2142/1973 OF SEPTEMBER 14, 1973 APPARENTLY  
INCORPORATES PROTEIN MEALS OF ANIMAL AND/OR VEGETABLE  
ORIGIN, SOYBEANS AND SOYBEAN OIL INTO VARIABLE IMPORT  
LEVY (VL) SYSTEM.

2. FYI. UNDER VL SYSTEM WE CALCULATE THRESHOLD PRICE FOR  
PROTEIN MEALS WILL BE APPROXIMATELY DOLS. 350 PER METRIC  
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TON, WITH A CURRENT WORLD PRICE OF ABOUT DOLS. 205; FOR

SOYBEANS THE PRICES ARE DOLS. 390 AND DOLS. 250,  
RESPECTIVELY; FOR SOYBEAN OIL DOLS. 545 AND DOLS. 480.  
SPAIN IS A MAJOR EXPORT MARKET FOR U.S. SOYBEANS AND MEAL.  
IN CY 1972 THE U.S. EXPORTED SOME 1,258,000 MT OF SOYBEANS  
TO SPAIN, VALUED AT DOLS. 161.7 MILLION. SOYBEAN MEAL  
EXPORTS WERE 21,773 MT VALUED AT DOLS. 2.8 MILLION.  
END FYI.

3. SPAIN'S DUTY ON SOYBEANS WAS BOUND IN THE GATT IN  
1963 AT 5 PERCENT. THE DUTY ON SOYBEAN MEAL WAS BOUND  
IN THE KENNEDY ROUND AT 2 PERCENT.

4. EMBASSY SHOULD SEEK GOS CONFIRMATION OF EFFECT OF NEW  
DECREE AS DISCUSSED ABOVE. IF GOS CONFIRMS IT INTENDS  
APPLY VL'S AT LEVELS IMPLIED BY FIGURES CITED ABOVE,  
EMBASSY SHOULD STATE THAT USG IS OPPOSED IN GENERAL TO  
VL'S AND CAN NOT ACCEPT APPLICATION OF VL WHERE IT RAISES  
CHARGES ON IMPORTED ITEMS ABOVE LEVELS BOUND UNDER GATT.  
USG CANNOT FAIL TO BE CONCERNED AT ACTION ADVERSELY  
AFFECTING OUR LEADING EXPORT TO SPAIN AND IN VIOLATION  
OF GOS COMMITMENT TO USG UNDER THE GATT.

5. PLEASE REPLY SOONEST ON GOS RESPONSE TO U.S.  
REPRESENTATION. KISSINGER

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